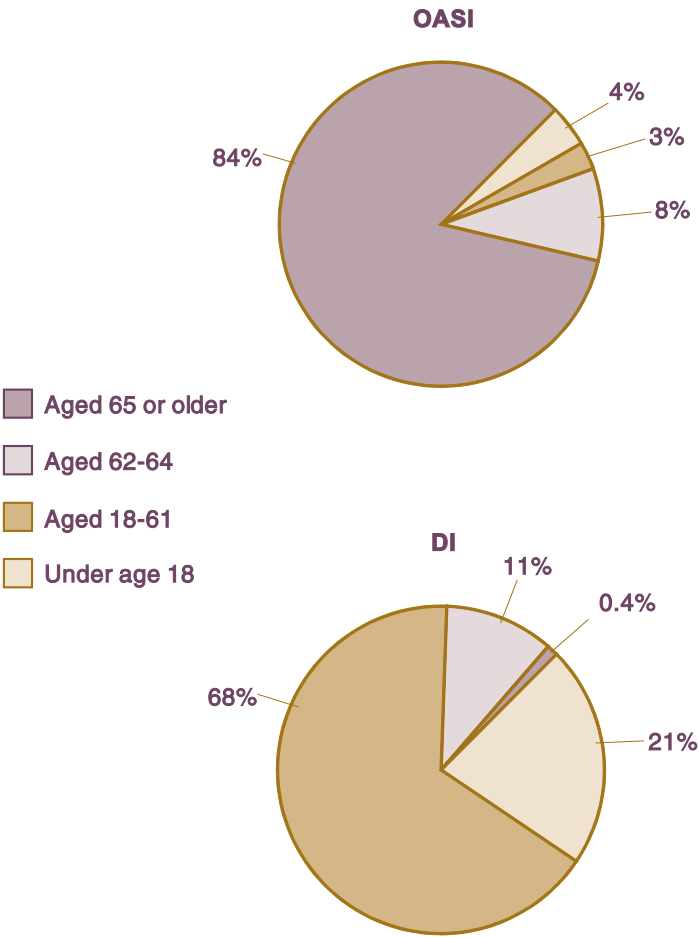


Beneficiaries by Age

**Age of persons receiving benefits, December 1998.** Some 81% of all OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status were aged 62 or older in December 1998. Among OASI beneficiaries, 93% are 62 or older. Among DI beneficiaries (disabled workers and their spouses and children) most are under age 62.

Percent of beneficiaries, by age



Percents may not sum to totals due to rounding.

### Beneficiaries by Age

**Age of disabled-worker beneficiaries, 1960–98.** The average age of disabled-worker beneficiaries in current-payment status has declined substantially since 1960, when DI benefits first became available to persons younger than age 50. In that year, the average age of a disabled worker was 57.2 years. By 1980, it was 53.2, and in 1998, the average age declined to 50.5 years.

**Average age of disabled-worker beneficiaries**

